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Willow Creek Access to Lake Natoma to be Temporarily Closed During Construction of Facility Improvements

The Willow Creek access to Lake Natoma will close for four months beginning Thursday to enhance the picnic area and improve access to canoes, kayaks and other small boats.

When it reopens February 15, the access will have a new small concrete boat ramp and low profile dock, several accessible picnic sites with shade armadas and additional paved parking.

People wishing to access Lake Natoma during this period should use the Nimbus Flat or Negro Bar boat ramps. The paved trail which passes by the Willow Creek recreation area will remain open.

The Willow Creek recreation site is managed by the Gold Fields District as part of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.

The Willow Creek water access improvement project is being funded by the California Department of Boating and Waterways with funds that can only be spent on capital improvement projects and are not available to cover the cost of operating and maintaining park facilities.

Lake Natoma is managed for slow speed aquatic recreation. There is a five-mile-per-hour speed limit on the entire lake.

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